

SONORA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

INJURY AND ILLNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM

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I. DISTRICT COMMITMENT TO SAFETY AND HEALTH

A. Safety and Health Policy

It is the policy of Sonora Union High School District to provide safe working conditions for all employees and to promote continuing, vital SAFETY AWARENESS at all levels, from top management to the individual worker. It is our belief that SAFETY AWARENESS is the basis on which a safety program must be founded.

The Sonora Union High School District recognizes its responsibility to furnish a place of employment which shall be safe for employees and visitors; to provide safety devices and mechanical safeguards; to use methods and processes to protect the life, health and safety and welfare of employees, visitors and the general public and to maintain and enforce a program to fulfill this responsibility.

Employees at every level have a special obligation to examine everything they do with a consciousness that ensures that safety is not compromised. Inherently, safety is everyone's responsibility. In fact, safe performance of duties is an integral part of overall job performance.

Therefore, it shall be considered each person's responsibility not only to assure his/her own personal safety, but to develop a concern for safety for all who work with him/her.

Employees shall at all times, while on District property, conduct themselves and perform work in a safe manner consistent with existing safety rules.

B. Objectives of the Injury and Illness Prevention Program

The Sonora Union High School District's Injury and Illness Prevention Program is designed to prevent injuries, illnesses and accidents in the workplace. The primary purpose of the program is to ensure a safe and healthful work environment.

C. Location of the Written Injury and Illness Prevention Program.

A copy of Sonora Union High School District's written Injury and Illness Prevention Program shall be kept at each school site. Documentation of specific elements of the program (i.e. completed inspection checklists, safety training rosters, safety committee meeting minutes, etc.) and a master copy of the District's written Injury and Illness Prevention Program shall be kept at the District Office located at Sonora High School, Sonora, CA 95370. The phone number is 209-533-0423 x 5015.

D. Responsibilities for Safety and Health

District employees at every level have a special obligation to work safely and maintain a safe and healthful work environment. Safe job performance is an integral part of overall job performance. Each employee is fully responsible for implementing the provisions of this program as it pertains to operations under his/her jurisdiction.

1. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

The person with overall responsibility and authority for implementing the Injury and Illness Prevention Program is the Superintendent, Mr. Ed Pelfrey. The designated Program Administrator is:

Ed Pelfrey
District Safety Officer
(209) 533-8510

The Program Administrator's duties include, but are not limited to:

- a. Maintaining a safety program that will incorporate the current practices and policies adopted by the safety profession and Cal/OSHA as being most effective in preventing injuries, occupational diseases, vehicular collisions, liabilities and damage to equipment and material.
- b. Consulting directly with management personnel and employees on loss prevention matters and provide guidance necessary to assure effective administration of this program.
- c. Periodically evaluating compliance with the program within the district and its school sites. Make periodic inspections of worker compliance with Cal/OSHA standards. He should have full authority to stop jobs when safety precautions are not being enforced. The verbal notification to stop a job must be followed by a written report directly to the Superintendent.
- d. Ensuring that managers and supervisors are trained in workplace safety and are familiar with the safety and health hazards, to which employees under their immediate direction or control may be exposed, as well as applicable laws, regulations and District safety rules and policies.
- e. Ensuring that employees are trained in accordance with this Program.
- f. Developing methods for abating workplace hazards.
- g. Ensuring that workplace hazards are abated in a timely and effective manner.

The Program Administrator may assign all or some of these tasks to other individuals within the District.

2. SUPERINTENDENT

Management, at all levels, has the responsibility to provide employees and students with a safe school and work environment by promoting safe practices and maintaining safe facility conditions. Although personnel exposure varies widely from school site to school site, it is expected that an unrelenting effort will be directed toward controlling injuries, collisions, liabilities and waste of materials at each site. To meet this goal, management will, to the best of their knowledge and ability:

- a. Ensure that the policies and procedures set forth herein are complied with by all personnel under their direction. Ensure adherence to all safety directives and standards.
- b. Provide the leadership and direction necessary for administering school and/or departmental safety policies such as rules and regulations.
- c. Devote a portion of staff meetings, as necessary, to review departmental accidents and to discuss plans to reduce losses.
- d. Promote safety training and education
- e. Establish a policy of regular safety inspections of equipment, facilities and crews to ensure the safe operation and protection of District personnel and assets and to follow federal, state and local safety standards and regulations.
- f. Ensure that the District has an effective Hazard Communication Program in place.
- g. Ensure that all accidents are immediately investigated and reported promptly to Ben Northington
- h. Hold each principal/department head/supervisor fully accountable for an explanation of the preventable injuries, collisions and liabilities incurred by his/her employee. An excessive number is an indication that some management policies and practices need reevaluation.

3. PRINCIPALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS/SUPERVISORS

Each Principal/Department head/Supervisor shall be fully responsible and accountable to the Superintendent for compliance with the provisions of the program within his/her school site/department. He/She should ensure that:

- a. All personnel are briefed and fully understand work procedures and policies and enforce their use for each job class.
- b. All employees, full-time or part-time, permanent or temporary, are trained upon hire and retrained, when necessary, in the way each job must be accomplished.

- c. All employees are instructed and understand the use and need for protective equipment relating to the job.
- d. Necessary safety equipment and protective devices for each job are available and used properly.
- e. Initiative is taken in recommending correction of deficiencies noted in facilities, work procedures, employee job knowledge, or attitudes that adversely affect district loss control efforts.
- f. Safety meetings are conducted as necessary to review accidents, analyze their causes, and promote a free discussion of hazardous work problems and possible solutions.
- g. All serious accidents are thoroughly investigated, recorded and promptly reported to Ed Pelfrey.
- h. Prompt, corrective action is taken wherever hazards are recognized or unsafe acts are observed. Each principal/department head/supervisor is accountable for the preventable injuries, collisions and liabilities incurred by his/her employees.
- i. Written documentation is maintained at each site reflecting that each employee is fully trained for the job he/she is assigned to do, that he/she is familiar with the published work rules, and that he/she has received information indicating that compliance is mandatory.
- j. Employees are properly evaluated by indicating to the employees that: Following safe work procedures is required of all district employees; adherence to district safety policies is considered on performance evaluations; failure to comply with safety rules is grounds for disciplinary action.
- k. In-service educational programs are planned at least annually for all employees and that documentation is maintained for all educational activities.
- l. Proper safety procedures are prepared and used for all hazardous operations
- m. All periodic inspections within his/her jurisdiction are completed as scheduled.
- n. Chemical hazards are known to employees, material safety data sheets are available and employees are trained on the safe use of such chemicals.

4. EMPLOYEES

Employees are required, as a condition of employment, to exercise due care in the course of their work to prevent injuries to themselves and to their fellow workers and to be mentally and physically alert to safety issues. To accomplish this goal, employees will:

- a. Adhere to all safety policies and procedures
- b. Report potential unsafe conditions to the immediate supervisor
- c. Keep work areas clean and orderly at all times and use all safeguards and safety equipment.
- d. Wear safety protective devices as necessary (or when instructed to do so).
- e. Report injuries immediately and seek immediate medical attention when required.
- f. Learn to lift and handle materials properly.
- g. Cooperate and take part in the District Safety Program, workshops, training and safety meetings as appropriate.
- h. Operate only machinery or equipment that he/she has been authorized to operate by his/her supervisor.
- i. Use only the prescribed equipment for the job and utilize it properly.

5. PARENTS

Parents shall be encouraged to:

- a. Teach safety standards to children in the home
- b. Support district safety requirements for employees and pupils
- c. Help the school in its hazard correction activities
- d. Serve on school safety committees when appointed.

II. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION, EVALUATION AND CONTROL

A. Inspections

1. Purpose

A safety inspection program is essential to disclose unsafe acts or conditions, determine reasons for their existence, and to recommend corrective action.

2. Scheduled Inspections

Inspections will be performed using a checklist. The completed checklists and follow up work orders will be collected and maintained by the District Safety Officer. These reports will be maintained for a period of three years and shall be made available upon request. Inspections of District facilities will be conducted as follows:

<u>District Facility</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Conducted by</u>
School sites: Locker Rooms Gymnasium, Parking Lots Fire Protection, etc., Offices, and Classrooms	Check Daily Report – three times per year	Custodian
Athletic Fields Bleachers	Check Daily Report – three times per year	Custodian
Science labs Art Rooms, Home Ec Wood Shop, Metal Shop	Check Daily Report – three times per year	Teacher
Maintenance shop Supervisor Transportation shop	Check Daily Report – three times per year	Maintenance
Cafeteria	Check Daily Report – three times per year	Cafeteria Staff
Automotive equipment	Check daily by operator Mandated reports to CHP	Vehicle operator

3. Unscheduled Inspections

In addition to scheduled inspections and ongoing review, the Program Administrator will arrange for unscheduled, unannounced inspections. The list of subjects for these inspections will be chosen randomly, but with particular emphasis on:

- General housekeeping
- Storage and Handling of Hazardous Materials
- Use of Personal Protective equipment
- Proper guarding of equipment and machinery
- Playgrounds/Fitness Courses/Athletic fields

4. Red Tagging of Unsafe Facilities or Equipment

Facilities and equipment noted to be unsafe for use should be tagged on the spot by the inspector. Personnel who continue to use any item that has been so tagged or who

willfully removes the tag before the unsafe condition is corrected shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

5. Documentation of Inspections

Copies of completed inspection reports should be filed with the Injury and Illness Prevention program at the maintenance office by the District Safety Officer. Appropriate work orders should be generated to repair identified hazards.

B. Employee Hazard Reporting Procedure

Employees should make every effort to correct hazards immediately within their control. Other hazards should be reported immediately to the employee's supervisor. Employees may also use the Employee Hazard Reporting Form to report hazards (anonymously, if they so wish). The form should be submitted to the District Safety Officer at the maintenance office. The Maintenance and Operations Department shall investigate all such reports in a prompt and thorough manner. A response detailing any District action will be provided to the employee or site, if submitted anonymously, within five (5) working days.

C. Job Hazard Analysis (JHA)

The District Safety Officer shall maintain and periodically update a Code of Safe Work Practices for the job classifications within his/her jurisdiction. The Code of Safe Work Practices or Job Hazard Analysis will be used to train new employees and provide on-going training for existing employees. The Job Hazard Analysis/Code of Safe Work Practices are included with this IIPP.

D. Hazard Evaluation and Control

All inspection reports should be forwarded to the Maintenance Office with appropriate work orders, if needed. Employee Hazard Reporting Forms should be forwarded to the District Safety Officer where appropriate work orders will be completed if needed. Any work orders dealing with safety issues will be prioritized according to the hazard and completed in a timely manner.

E. Imminent Hazards

Whenever possible, it is the District's intent to abate immediately any hazard which gives rise to a risk of imminent harm. When such a hazard exists which the District cannot abate immediately without endangering employees and/or property, all exposed personnel will be removed from the area of potential exposure except those necessary to correct the hazardous condition. All employees involved in correcting the hazardous condition will receive appropriate training in how to do so and will be provided with necessary safeguards and personal protective equipment.

III. SAFETY AND HEALTH TRAINING

Awareness of potential health and safety hazards, as well as knowledge of how to control such hazards, is critical to maintaining a safe and healthful work environment and preventing injuries, illnesses and accidents in the workplace. The District is committed to instructing all employees in safe and healthful work practices. To achieve this goal, the District will provide training to each employee with regard to general safety procedures and with regard to any hazards or safety procedures specific to that employee's work assignment.

A. When Training Will Occur

Training will be provided as follows:

1. Upon hiring;
2. Whenever an employee is given a new job assignment for which training has not previously been provided;

3. Whenever new substances, processes, procedures or equipment which represent a new hazard are introduced into the workplace;
4. Whenever the District is made aware of a new or previously unrecognized hazard; and
5. Whenever the District, Program Administrator or Department Manager believes that additional training is necessary.

B. Training of Supervisors

The District will be responsible for providing and developing formal safety training in specific areas for supervisors.

C. Areas of Training

1. Hazard Communication, Employee Right-to-know
2. Personal Protective Equipment
3. Hand tools and Portable Power Tools
4. Machinery and Machine Guarding
5. Back Injury Prevention/Proper Lifting Techniques
6. Accident Investigation for Supervisors
7. Fire Safety
8. Defensive Driving
9. Office Safety
10. CPR and First Aid
11. Forklift Safety
12. Other programs

D. Documentation of Training

Documentation of training shall be maintained in writing by completing the Training Verification Form. A copy of each Training Verification Form shall be maintained with the Injury and Illness Prevention Program at the Personnel Department at the District Office.

IV. **COMMUNICATION WITH EMPLOYEES ON SAFETY AND HEALTH ISSUES**

A. Anonymous Notification Procedure

The District has a system of anonymous notification whereby employees who wish to inform the District of workplace hazards may do so anonymously by sending a written notification to the Maintenance and Operations Department using the Employee Hazard Report Form. The Maintenance and Operations Department shall investigate all such reports in a prompt and thorough manner. A response detailing any District action will be provided to the employee or site, if submitted anonymously, within five (5) working days.

B. Posters/Signs

Where appropriate, signs and posters will be utilized to help maintain a high level of safety awareness on the job.

C. Newsletter

The District may distribute a Wellness and Safety newsletter to all employees in a timely manner. A copy of each issue will be maintained in the Injury and Illness Prevention file at the Maintenance Office.

D. Training

The District has training requirements designed to instruct each employee on general safety procedures as well as on safety procedures specific to the employee's job. Training requirements are described in greater detail in Section III of this program.

V. **ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION**

A. Purpose

The purpose of accident investigation is to determine the causes of accidents and what can be done to prevent similar accidents from recurring. The objective of any investigation is FACT FINDING, NOT FAULT FINDING.

B. District Policy

All work-related accidents involving employee injuries and/or property damage will be investigated by the District in a timely manner. Minor incidents and near misses will be investigated as well as serious accidents. A near miss is an incident that, although not serious in itself, could have resulted in a serious injury or significant property damage. Investigation of these instances may avoid serious accidents in the future. Accident investigations will be documented in writing.

C. Responsibility for Accident Investigation

The Supervisor shall be responsible for conducting the accident investigation.

D. Procedures for Investigation of Accidents

The following facts should be gathered by the accident investigator:

1. WHO was involved? Include injured employees and witnesses.
2. WHAT happened? Describe what took place and include any equipment/machinery/tools which were involved.
3. WHEN did the accident occur? What time of day, day of the week, shift, break period did the accident occur? Was overtime work involved?
4. WHERE did the accident occur? Describe the location where the accident occurred and any special characteristics.

Based on these facts:

5. WHY the accident occurred? Was an involved employee properly trained? Were proper operating procedures followed? Was faulty equipment involved?
6. HOW could this accident have been prevented? Was the accident PREVENTABLE OR NON-PREVENTABLE. List the reasons why the accident was PREVENTABLE OR NON-PREVENTABLE.

Finally, describe:

7. WHAT action has been taken to prevent similar accidents from occurring in the future.

VI. DISTRICT SAFETY RULES

A. General Safety Rules

For the protection and safety of all employees, the Sonora Union High School District has established the following rules designed to prevent accidents and injuries. Compliance with these rules will be mandatory.

1. All accidents and injuries must be reported to the supervisor at the time of occurrence.
2. Machines or equipment shall not be operated until you have received proper instructions.
3. Horseplay, throwing things, running in aisles and stairways, distracting employees at work and unnecessary shouting are forbidden.
4. All spilled oil, grease, water and other liquids must be cleaned up immediately.
5. Areas in which overhead maintenance is being performed will be blocked off and posted to prevent possible injury from falling objects. A barricaded or posted area will not be entered except by the workers performing the work.
6. Any defective tool or equipment must be immediately reported to your supervisor.
7. Failure by an employee to comply with the safety rules will be grounds for corrective discipline.
8. Specific Department Safety Rules, when applicable, will be posted in appropriate work areas.

B. Materials Handling

1. Lifting: Attempting to lift or push an object which is too heavy must be avoided. You must contact the supervisor when help is needed to move a heavy object.
2. Hand trucks will be pulled when in transit except going down an incline or placing a load in position.
3. Hand trucks will be loaded in such a manner as to eliminate the possibility of spilling.
4. When carrying material, caution will be exercised in observance of obstructions or loose material.
5. Protruding nails in boxes, skids or other containers will be removed or made flush.
6. All material will be stacked and stored in proper areas.
7. Material will not be stored in aisles. Aisles must be kept clear at all times.

C. Protective Equipment

1. Safety glasses will be worn when eye protection is required, i.e. where posted. Photogray or sunglasses will not be allowed in shop areas.
2. Safe shoes will be required. Shoes with exposed heels, toes or archways will not be permitted in a shop area. Shoes constructed from materials other than leather or synthetic leather will be explicitly prohibited from shop areas.
3. Where there is danger of hair (4" from the scalp in length) entangling in moving machinery or equipment, a hair enclosure (cap or hat) must be worn. (Hairnet not accepted by OSHA).

D. Machine Operating

1. Use of a machine or piece of equipment will be restricted to that which employee has been trained, qualified and authorized to operate.
2. Immediate notification must be given to the supervisor for any unsafe equipment which is missing protective guards or has improperly positioned protective guards.
3. Power machinery will be kept free of unnecessary tools, rags, and scrap while in operation.
4. Machinery will be turned off when not in use.
5. Brush, chip hook or rake will be used to remove chips.
6. Work pieces and cutters will be secured before setting the machine in motion.
7. Correct speed and feed will be used when operating equipment.
8. Rings, jewelry, watches, gloves, neckties, long sleeves or loose clothing will not be worn when near or when operating machinery.
9. Tampering with or removal of safety guards is prohibited

E. Compressed Air

1. Compressed air will not be used to clean floors.
2. When blowing chips from a hole, the hole must be covered with a shop towel.
3. Flow from an air hose will not be directed toward another person or toward the operator of the air hose.
4. Compressed air will not be used to clean clothes, hands or other parts of the body.
5. Where danger of flying particles is present, safety glasses with side shields will be worn by employees working with compressed air hoses.
6. The working pressure of a nozzle will not exceed 30 psi.
7. Altering or tampering with safety air nozzles is forbidden.

F. Housekeeping

The foundation of a safe, healthful and pleasant place to work is good housekeeping.

1. Materials and equipment will be kept out of aisles
2. Materials will not be stored against doors or exits, fire ladders or fire extinguisher stations.
3. Tools and other equipment will be returned to their proper storage area after use.
4. Tools will be kept dry; spilling of liquids will be avoided; all spills will be wiped-up immediately.
5. Trash and scrap will be thrown in proper waste containers
6. Good housekeeping practices will be exercised within each employee's work area.

G. Chemicals

1. Chemicals will not be purchased and/or brought on site for usage without a current Material Safety Data Sheet.
2. No chemicals meeting the definition of a "Hazardous Material", as defined by the OSHA Safety and Health Regulations, will be used without strict adherence to the data, precautions and procedures for handling, storage, disposal and usage contained on the appropriate Material Safety Data Sheet.
3. All containers will be labeled as to their contents.

H. Fire Emergency

1. All fires must be reported immediately. Fire emergency number will be called and location of fire given.
2. All employees must know the location of fire extinguisher(s), fire blankets and stretchers
3. Tampering with a fire extinguisher(s) is forbidden.
4. Fire extinguisher(s), sprinklers, fire exits or risers will not be blocked by supplies, stock or parts at any time.
5. Smoking or open flame is prohibited in areas where flammable materials are used or stored.
6. All employees will comply with posted "NO SMOKING" areas.
7. Person who is reporting fire must stay on telephone line until released by fire department personnel.

I. Medical Emergency

All medical emergencies will be reported immediately. Medical emergency number must be called and location of emergency given.

VII. EMERGENCIES

A. Emergency Action Plan

The Sonora Union High School District has an Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Plan.

B. Earthquake Procedures

Procedures to follow during an earthquake are outlined in the Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Plan.

C. Fire Prevention Program

The Sonora Union High School District maintains a fully automatic fire alarm system. The District also conducts fire drills in accordance with Section 32110 of the California Education Code. Fire evacuation routes are posted in each classroom and facility. Specific responsibilities are outlined in the Disaster Preparedness Plan.

VIII. ENFORCEMENT OF THE SAFETY PROGRAM

A. Incentive Program

Sonora Union High School District provides incentive for employees who make safety suggestions adopted by the district and/or who have demonstrated safe and healthful work practices.

B. Disciplinary System

Sonora Union High School District has a policy for disciplinary action for employees who fail to comply with oral, written and/or posted safety warnings. Any disciplinary action taken shall not violate the employee's rights as defined under General Industry Safety Order 5194, Federal OSHA Title 29, Part 1910, SB 198 or other Cal-OSHA or Fed-OSHA regulation.

IX. COVID-19 Documents

A. COVID-19 Safety Plan (CSP)

Sonora Union High School District

**COVID-19
Prevention Program (CPP)**

An Addendum to the Injury and Illness Program

*In accordance with TITLE 8, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 4, Subchapter 7.
General Industry Safety Orders Section 3205, COVID-19 Prevention*

COVID-19 Prevention Procedures (CPP)

In California, all employers are required to establish, implement, and maintain an effective, written Injury and Illness Prevention (IIPP) program that meets the requirements of California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 8, section 3203. COVID-19 is considered a workplace hazard and most employers must address COVID-19 prevention under their workplace IIPP. COVID-19 prevention procedures must be addressed either in the written IIPP or maintained in a separate document.

- Elements that may be required in the following CCR, Title 8 sections:
 - [3205, COVID-19 Prevention](#)
 - [3205.1, COVID-19 Outbreaks](#)
 - [3205.2, COVID-19 Prevention in Employer-Provided Housing](#)
 - [3205.3, COVID-19 Prevention in Employer-Provided Transportation](#)
- Additional guidance and resources are available at www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/

CCR, Title 8 sections 3205 through 3205.3 apply until two years after February 3, 2023, except for the recordkeeping subsections 3205(j)(2) through (3), which apply until three years after February 3, 2023.

COVID-19 Prevention Procedures (CPP) for Sonora Union High School District

This CPP is designed to control employees' exposures to the SARS-CoV-2 virus (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2) that causes COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) that may occur in our workplace.

Date: 04/17/2023

Authority and Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee has overall authority and responsibility for implementing the provisions of this CPP in our workplace. In addition, all managers and supervisors are responsible for implementing and maintaining the CPP in their assigned work areas and for ensuring employees receive answers to questions about the procedures in a language they understand.

All employees are responsible for using safe work practices, following all directives, policies and procedures, and assisting in maintaining a safe work environment.

Application of the Sonora Union High School District Injury & Illness Prevention Program (IIPP)

COVID-19 is a recognized hazard in our workplace that is addressed through our IIPP, which will be effectively implemented and maintained to ensure the following:

1. When determining measures to prevent COVID-19 transmission and identifying and correcting COVID-19 hazards in our workplace:
 - a. All persons in our workplace are treated as potentially infectious, regardless of symptoms, vaccination status, or negative COVID-19 test results.
 - b. COVID-19 is treated as an airborne infectious disease. Applicable State of California and Tuolumne County Public Health orders and guidance will be reviewed when determining measures to prevent transmission and identifying and correcting COVID-19 hazards. COVID-19 prevention controls include:
 - i. Remote work.
 - ii. Physical distancing.
 - iii. Reducing population density indoors.
 - iv. Moving indoor tasks outside.
 - v. Implementing separate shifts and/or break times.
 - vi. Restricting access to work areas.
2. Training and instruction on COVID-19 prevention is provided:

- a. When this CPP was first established.
- b. To new employees.
- c. To employees given a new job assignment involving COVID-19 hazards and they have not been previously trained.
- d. Whenever new COVID-19 hazards are introduced.
- e. When we are made aware of new or previously unrecognized COVID-19 hazards.
- f. For supervisors to familiarize themselves with the COVID-19 hazards to which employees under their immediate direction and control may be exposed.

3. Procedures to investigate COVID-19 illnesses at the workplace include:

- a. Determining the day and time a COVID-19 case was last present; the date of the positive COVID-19 tests or diagnosis; and the date the COVID-19 case first had one or more COVID-19 symptoms. Appendix A Investigating COVID-19 Cases will be used to document this information.

- b. Effectively identifying and responding to persons with COVID-19 symptoms at the workplace. A general announcement will be made to all potential close contacts of COVID-19 positive staff and students.

- c. Encouraging employees to report COVID-19 symptoms and to stay home when ill. Employees should report COVID-19 symptoms to the District Business Office.

4. Effective procedures for responding to COVID-19 cases at the workplace include:

- a. Immediately excluding COVID-19 cases (including employees excluded under CCR, Title 8, section 3205.1) according to the following requirements:

- i. COVID-19 cases who do not develop COVID-19 symptoms will not return to work during the infectious period.
- ii. COVID-19 cases who develop COVID-19 symptoms will not return to work during the shorter of either of the following:
 - a. The infectious period.

- b. Through 10 days after the onset of symptoms and at least 24 hours have passed since a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medication.
 - iii. Regardless of vaccination status, previous infection, or lack of COVID-19 symptoms, a COVID-19 case must wear a face covering in the workplace until 10 days have passed since the date that COVID-19 symptoms began or, if the person did not have COVID-19 symptoms, from the date of their first positive COVID-19 test.
 - iv. Elements i. and ii. apply regardless of whether an employee has been previously excluded or other precautions were taken in response to an employee's close contact or membership in an exposed group.
- b. Reviewing current [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\)](#) guidance for persons who had close contacts, including any guidance regarding quarantine or other measures to reduce transmission.
- c. The following effective policies will be developed, implemented, and maintained to prevent transmission of COVID-19 by persons who had close contacts. A general announcement will be made to all potential close contacts of COVID-19 positive staff and students.
- d. If an order to isolate, quarantine, or exclude an employee is issued by a local or state health official, the employee will not return to work until the period of isolation or quarantine is completed or the order is lifted.
- e. Upon excluding an employee from the workplace based on COVID-19 or a close contact, Sonora Union High School District will provide excluded employees information regarding COVID-19-related benefits to which the employee may be entitled under applicable federal, state, or local laws. This includes any benefits available under legally mandated sick leave, workers' compensation law, local governmental requirements, and Sonora Union High School District leave policies and leave guaranteed by contract. The District Business Office or its designee will consult with the employee and describe available leaves and benefits.

Testing of Close Contacts

COVID-19 tests are available at no cost, during paid time, to all of our employees who had a close contact in the workplace. These employees will be provided with the

information outlined in paragraph (4)(f), above. Exceptions are returned cases as defined in CCR, Title 8, section 3205(b)(11).

Notice of COVID-19 Cases

Employees and independent contractors who had a close contact, as well as any employer with an employee who had a close contact, will be notified as soon as possible, and in no case longer than the time required to ensure that the exclusion requirements of paragraph (4)(a) above, are met.

When Labor Code section 6409.6 or any successor law is in effect, Sonora Union High School District will:

- Provide notice of a COVID-19 case, in a form readily understandable to employees. The notice will be given to all employees, employers, and independent contractors at the worksite.
- Provide the notice to the authorized representative, if any of:
 - The COVID-19 case and of any employee who had a close contact.
 - All employees on the premises at the same worksite as the COVID-19 case within the infectious period.
- A general announcement will be made to all potential close contacts of COVID-19 positive staff and students.

Face Coverings

Employees will be provided face coverings and required to wear them when required by a CDPH regulation or order. This includes spaces within vehicles when a CDPH regulation or order requires face coverings indoors. Face coverings will be clean, undamaged, and worn over the nose and mouth.

The following exceptions apply:

1. When an employee is alone in a room or vehicle.
2. While eating or drinking at the workplace, provided employees are at least six feet apart and, if indoors, the supply of outside or filtered air has been maximized to the extent feasible.
3. While employees are wearing respirators required by the employer and used in compliance with CCR, Title 8 section 5144.
4. Employees who cannot wear face coverings due to a medical or mental health condition or disability, or who are hearing-impaired or communicating with a hearing-impaired person. Such employees shall wear an effective non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom, if the condition or disability permits it.

5. During specific tasks which cannot feasibly be performed with a face covering. This exception is limited to the time period in which such tasks are actually being performed.

If an employee is not wearing a face covering due to exceptions (4) and (5), above, the COVID-19 hazards will be assessed, and action taken as necessary.

Employees will not be prevented from wearing a face covering, including a respirator, when not required by this section, unless it creates a safety hazard.

Respirators

Respirators will be provided for voluntary use to employees who request them and who are working in doors or in vehicles with more than one person. Employees who request respirators for voluntary use will be:

- Encouraged to use them.
- Provided with a respirator of the correct size.
- Trained on:
 - How to properly wear the respirator provided.
 - How to perform a user seal check according to the manufacturer's instructions each time a respirator is worn.
 - The fact that facial hair interferes with a seal.

The requirements of CCR, Title 8 section 5144(c)(2) will be complied with according to the type of respirator (disposable filtering facepiece or elastomeric re-usable) provided to employees.

Ventilation

For our indoor workplaces we will:

- Review CDPH and Cal/OSHA guidance regarding ventilation, including the CDPH [Interim Guidance for Ventilation, Filtration, and Air Quality in Indoor Environments](#). Sonora Union High School District will develop, implement, and maintain effective methods to prevent transmission of COVID-19, including one or more of the following actions to improve ventilation:
 - Maximize the supply of outside air to the extent feasible, except when the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Air Quality Index is greater than 100 for any pollutant or if opening windows or maximizing outdoor air by other means would cause a hazard to employees, for instance from excessive heat or cold.
 - In buildings and structures with mechanical ventilation, filter circulated air through filters at least as protective as Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV)-13, or the highest level of filtration efficiency compatible with the existing mechanical ventilation system.

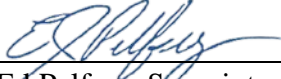
- Use High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filtration units in accordance with manufacturers’ recommendations in indoor areas occupied by employees for extended periods, where ventilation is inadequate to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.
- Determine if our workplace is subject to CCR, Title 8 section 5142 Mechanically Driven Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Systems to Provide Minimum Building Ventilation, or section 5143 General Requirements of Mechanical Ventilation Systems, and comply as required.

In vehicles, we will maximize the supply of outside air to the extent feasible, except when doing so would cause a hazard to employees or expose them to inclement weather.

Reporting and Recordkeeping

Appendix A **Investigating COVID-19 Cases** will be used to keep a record of and track all COVID-19 cases. These records will be kept by the Superintendent or designee and retained for two years beyond the period in which it is necessary to meet the requirements of CCR, Title 8, sections 3205, 3205.1, 3205.2, and 3205.3.

The notices required by subsection 3205(e) will be kept in accordance with Labor Code section 6409.6 or any successor law.



 Ed Pelfrey, Superintendent
 Sonora Union High School District

04/17/2023

 Date

 David Wheeler, Governing Board Clerk
 Sonora Union High School District

 Date

Additional Consideration

COVID-19 Outbreaks

Reference CCR, Title 8 section [3205.1](#) for details.

This addendum will stay in effect until there are one or fewer new COVID-19 cases detected in the exposed group for a 14-day period.

COVID-19 Testing

We immediately provide COVID-19 testing available at no cost to our employees within the exposed group, regardless of vaccination status, during employees' paid time, except for returned cases and employees who were not present at the workplace during the relevant 14-day period(s).

Additional testing is made available on a weekly basis to all employees in the exposed group who remain at the workplace.

Employees who had close contacts will have a negative COVID-19 test taken within three to five days after the close contact or will be excluded and follow our return-to-work requirements starting from the date of the last known close contact.

Face Coverings

Employees in the exposed group, regardless of vaccination status, will wear face coverings when indoors, or when outdoors and less than six feet from another person, unless one of the exceptions in our CPP applies.

Respirators

Employees will be notified of their right to request and receive a respirator for voluntary use, as stipulated in our CPP.

COVID-19 Investigation, Review, and Hazard Correction

Sonora Union High School District will perform a review of potentially relevant COVID-19 policies, procedures and controls, and implement changes as needed to prevent further spread of COVID-19 when this addendum initially applies and periodically thereafter. The investigation, review, and changes will be documented and include:

- Investigation of new or unabated COVID-19 hazards including:
 - Our leave policies and practices and whether employees are discouraged from remaining home when sick.
 - Our COVID-19 testing policies.
 - Insufficient supply of outdoor air to indoor workplaces.
 - Insufficient air filtration.
 - Insufficient physical distancing.

- Review updated information every 30 days that CCR, Title 8 section 3205.1 continues to apply:
 - In response to new information or to new or previously unrecognized COVID-19 hazards.
 - When otherwise necessary.
- Any changes implemented to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 based on the investigation and review, which may include:
 - Moving indoor tasks outdoors or having them performed remotely.
 - Increasing the outdoor air supply when work is done indoors.
 - Improving air filtration.
 - Increasing physical distancing to the extent feasible.
 - Requiring respiratory protection in compliance with CCR, Title 8 section 5144.
 - Other applicable controls.

Ventilation

Buildings or structures with mechanical ventilation will have recirculated air filtered with Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV)-13 or higher efficiency filters, if compatible with the ventilation system. If MERV-13 or higher filters are not compatible with the ventilation system, filters with the highest compatible filtering efficiency will be used. High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) air filtration units will be used in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations in indoor areas occupied by employees for extended periods, where ventilation is inadequate to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

These ventilation requirements will continue to be implemented after the outbreak has passed and CCR, Title 8 section 3205.1 is no longer applicable.

Major Outbreaks

The following will be done while CCR, Title 8 section 3205.1 applies if 20 or more employee COVID-19 cases in an exposed group visited the worksite during their infectious period within a 30-day period:

- The COVID-19 testing will be required of all employees in the exposed group, regardless of vaccination status, twice a week or more frequently if recommended by Tuolumne County Public Health. Employees in the exposed group will be tested or excluded and follow our CPP return to work requirements. The twice a week testing requirement ends when there are fewer than three new COVID-19 cases in the exposed group for a 14-day period. We will then follow weekly testing requirements until there are one or fewer new COVID-19 cases in the exposed group for a 14-day period.

- Report the outbreak to Cal/OSHA.
- Provide respirators for voluntary use to employees in the exposed group, encourage their use, and train employees according to CCR, Title 8 section 5144(c)(2) requirements.
- Any employees in the exposed group who are not wearing respirators as required will be separated from other persons by at least six feet, except where it can be demonstrated that at least six feet of separation is not feasible, and except for momentary exposure while persons are in movement. Methods of physical distancing include:
 - Telework or other remote work arrangements.
 - Reducing the number of persons in an area at one time, including visitors.
 - Visual cues such as signs and floor markings to indicate where employees and others should be located or their direction and path of travel.
 - Staggered arrival, departure, work, and break times.
 - Adjusted work processes or procedures, such as reducing production speed, to allow greater distance between employees.

When it is not feasible to maintain a distance of at least six feet, individuals will be as far apart as feasible.

Appendix A: Investigating COVID-19 Cases

All personal identifying information of COVID-19 cases or persons with COVID-19 symptoms, and any employee required medical records will be kept confidential unless disclosure is required or permitted by law. Unredacted information on COVID-19 cases will be provided to the local health department, CDPH, Cal/OSHA, the National Institute

for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) immediately upon request, and when required by law.

Date COVID-19 case (suspect or confirmed) became known: **[enter information]**

Date investigation was initiated: **[enter information]**

Name of person(s) conducting the investigation: **[enter name(s)]**

COVID-19 Case Summary

Name	Contact Info	Occupation	Location	Last day and time present	Date of positive test and/or diagnosis	Date of first symptoms

Summary of employees, independent contractors, and employees of other employers that came in close contact **[CCR Title 8, section 3205 does not require recordkeeping for close contacts. These tables are included to assist employers in keeping track of which close contacts they have notified to meet the notice requirements.]**

Name	Contact Info	Date notified	Date offered COVID-19 testing (employees only)

Summary notice of a COVID-19 case (employees, employers, independent contractors) – during the infectious period and regardless of a close contact occurring.

Name	Date notified

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Summary notice of a COVID-19 case (authorized representative of the COVID-19 case and employee who had close contact).

Name	Date notified

1. What were the workplace conditions that could have contributed to the risk of COVID-19 exposure?

[enter information]

2. What could be done to reduce exposure to COVID-19?

[enter information]

3. Was the local health department notified? Date?

[enter information]